

Christmas passed off here about as usual, a little damper, a little drunker.—*Dunklin Democrat.*

And they have local option in Dunklin county, too.

The *Globe-Democrat* says the Republican party is the party that "does things." I fear Mr. Niedringhaus will find that it "does" people, too, sometimes.

At last Port Arthur has fallen, and it is thought the war is nearing its end. One hundred thousand festering graves bear testimony to the fierceness of the contest.

Four fellows were before acting mayor Hon. E. D. Anthony on Monday for being beastly drunk on the World Redeemer's birthday. Three of them were fined \$5 and costs and one \$10 and trimmings. *Fredericktown Tribune.*

Madison county enjoys all the blessings of local option.

The *Missouri State Republican* warns the Senatorial aspirants that bribery in the lump, or bribery in instalments through Federal salaries, are morally the same. Hum! No such admonition was called for in poor, old mossback Missouri. Perhaps it is true that a way-back Democrat doesn't know a good thing when he sees it.

I SEE that some Republican politicians are deserting Atkins because he was in favor of an anti-Roosevelt delegation to the National Convention. It is said that nothing succeeds like success, and, I beg to add, nothing is so unforgiving. Your average politician deserts defeat like rats a sinking ship, and bears in his heart revenge and contempt for him who fails to "get there."

THE Legislature meets to-day, and the new Governor will be inducted into office next Monday. Then Poor old Missouri will be under a Dolly Varden rule, as it were: A Democratic Senate, a Republican House and a "Reform" executive. In my poor opinion, there is going to be a lot of fuss and mighty little outcome. It would take something stronger than "alum" to draw these discordant parts together.

It is reported that Congressman-elect Rhodes has given it out that he will allow the Republican patrons of the various postoffices in his district to decide by a primary whom they want for postmaster; whoever receives the highest number of votes he will endorse for the position. But right on the announcement of Mr. Rhodes, comes the ultimatum from the president that he will not remove any of the present postmasters who are giving satisfaction. It is probable that very few primaries will be held throughout the district.—*Fredericktown Democrat-News.*

I SEE the Nashville *Christian Herald* comes to the vindication of our colonial policy regarding the Philippines, calling our rule of force over there "duty." According to the editor of the *Herald*, it is not what we need but what the Filipinos need that should govern our action. This logic is knock-down and drag-out. The only premise that bothers my mind is, who is to be the judge of what the Filipinos need? Are we divinely appointed to determine the question? The *Herald* seems to assume that we are, as a matter of course, and I suppose we ought to inquire no further—only, when I recall the oppressions, the persecutions and the wickedness perpetrated in times past under similar Christian assumption, I grow skeptical.

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The above is a copy of a petition which is being circulated asking Judge-elect Williams to appoint a Republican as his court stenographer. It certainly meets the approval of this paper. We are confident that there is not a Democrat circuit judge in this State who has a Republican stenographer, and we feel safe in saying that no Republican has had the cheek to apply for the position under a Democratic officer. Judge Williams has a number of applicants for the place and, by the way, Mr. Jarvis, the present stenographer, and Southeast Missouri Democratic politician, is a receptive candidate, and Mr. Williams is being urged by a few parties to appoint him. No sensible reason can be given for asking such an unusual thing. We have a worthy and competent young man in this county who has applied for the place, but no one will feel badly if the Judge sees fit to give his preference to some one else, provided the party is a Republican, but we call a halt when it comes to putting a Democratic politician in this place. We have absolute confidence in Judge Williams, hence we are sure he will act honestly, intelligently and to the best interests of the Republican party in this matter.—*Greenville Sun.*

A petition similar to the one referred to by the *Sun* was circulated in this county and pretty generally signed by the Republican politicians. In spite of all this, it is said that Judge Williams has announced his intention of retaining Mr. Jarvis. Judge Williams has been quoted as saying that he is not a politician, never expects to be a candidate for office again and will do as he pleases.

Bellevue Items.

The holidays being over, things generally have resumed their normal status, with no serious casualties to record, which so often occur, in many localities, to cast a sad gloom over many a home. What a wonderful blessing it is to live in a Christian land of liberty! But over at Port Arthur how different were things Xmas. While we believe that a just God, who holds in his hand the destinies of nations, knows what is best, it does appear singularly strange that the horrible battles, which have so long raged in and around Port Arthur, should not long ago have been brought to a close.

The blizzard which came here the first of last week, was very severe, and for two or three days all kinds of out-door employment was practically suspended. But to-day the weather is warm and spring-like.

I am reliably informed that the old fashioned log cabin and free distribution of presents, given on Xmas eve by the Second Baptist people was, by far, the best thing given in this town for a long time past. Free presents, as the story goes, filled all the stockings from tops to toes. Not only this, but free cake, ice cream and coffee in abundance for everybody.

Married, on Xmas day at the residence of the bride's parents, near Red Point, Miss Annie Stuart to Gentry Ramsey of Bellevue. Mr. and Mrs. R. returned home late Monday evening where a nice supper was awaiting them. Those

present were Misses Letha Moyer, Ora Davis, Mollie and Minnie Patterson.

Alfred Hale, who recently removed to town, is having a good barn built. H. Latham and P. G. Carty have been employed to do the work, and when the barn is completed, it will be a very convenient building.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Warren recently made a trip to Belgrade to attend the funeral of Mrs. W.'s brother.

A gentleman from Iowa spent eight or ten days in this locality recently looking over several farms with a view of purchasing. He left here Saturday without having closed a deal, but it is stated that he has a farm or two in view, which he will probably purchase when he returns in the near future.

Dr. G. W. Farrar made a professional trip to East Fork last week.

Miss Leota Hawkins returned to the West End Sunday, where she will resume her work in her school for another month.

Mr. Price visited J. Patterson Xmas day.

I am informed that R. F. Johnston last week sold his saw mill and four teams, wagons and harness.

Goodwater Items.

The snow of December 11—the first of the winter—temporarily afforded much needed protection to wheat and rye. During the remainder of the month the fields were bare of snow and no doubt serious injury will result to wheat in consequence thereof.

But little rain has fallen here and the creeks and rivulets contain but little water.

Messrs. Simms and Horton of Bismarck, Arthur Sloan of near Caledonia, Frank Hays of near Belgrade and James Hughes of Howe's Mill bought about \$1600

worth of cattle and hogs in this vicinity.

Mrs. Margaret Lucas, who spent a month with her relatives near Red Point, has returned home.

Grant and Robert Midyett of near Tolu were here on business.

James O. Scott and Stephen W. Mayberry went to Tolu on business.

James A. Payne went to Desloge recently.

The following named persons visited relatives here during the holidays: W. T. Crocker of Belt, Montana, Ira Carl of Ironton, Winfred Anderson of Columbia, W. P. Anderson of Illinois, John H. Bouch of Flat River and Romey Martin of Bonne Terre.

Our school ended December 16, and the school in the district north of here, in Washington county, was closed on the same day on account of the smallpox scare. Mrs. A. D. Cole, after returning from a visit to St. Louis, became sick and two physicians—Dr. Smith of Belgrade and Dr. Sherman Barr of near Davisville—diagnosed her disease as being smallpox. According to the latest reports the lady is now convalescing, but two of her children are now suffering from the disease. No other cases are reported and it is hoped that it will not spread.

The following named persons from near Tolu visited the cave near Mr. Carl's on the afternoon of December 11th: Misses Leota Hawkins, Docia Wood, Eunice Wood, Lucy Bays and Eliza Evans. Messrs. Richard Wood, Joshua Bays, Charles and Elbert Chapman and Benjamin Wood; also, Ira Tinker of Dillard, Melvin Stuart of Burgundy and Ray Carl of Goodwater. All being young folk, they, of course, enjoyed the trip very much.

The six-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Jarvis died on Monday, December 26. The cause

of the death is not known. His remains were interred in the Abbott Cemetery.

Mr. James O. Scott and Mrs. Marion Mayberry spent three days last week visiting relatives at Flat River.

Marble Creek Items.

As I see no news from "Busy Bee" I suppose that the cold weather has frozen him; so I will try to fill his place.

Miss Hattie Polk returned to her school Sunday, after a week's visit at home.

Dallas Miller, of St. Louis, spent the holidays with home folk.

Mrs. H. Young and children, of Gad's Hill, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Selinger.

Little Stella White, Gracie Orr, and Oscar Francis are on the sick list.

Elery Orr and family are spending the holidays here.

Miss Nettie Boswell is spending a few weeks at home.

Ed. Cravat and family, of Fredericktown, visited Mrs. C.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pinkley, a few days last week.

Miss Jennie Miller visited relatives here last week.

Miss Lulu Polk closed a six months' term of school Thursday and returned home Friday.

Little Alice Collins, of Sabula, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Polk.

Tom Polk went to St. Louis Monday.

L. Francis went to Sabula on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melbourn visited relatives at Silver Mines recently. They were accompanied home by Mr. M.'s brother, Henry.

Our school closed Friday. There was an entertainment given by the school Friday night, which was a credit to teacher and pupils. A large crowd was in attendance.

Miss Euseba is a good teacher. John Thompson and sister, Miss Grace, of Sabula, attended church here Sunday. **BACHELOR GIRL.**

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F. M. ADAMS, Administrator.

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